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Deportation Faced by Sirhan Kin

LOS ANGELES, June 20 (UPI)—The 19-year-old brother of Sirhan B. Sirhan, accused assassin of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, is currently fighting a deportation order issued against him after he was convicted of felony narcotics charges, an immigration official disclosed today.

Munir Bishara Sirhan, known as Joe, was arrested June 10, 1966, for possession and sale of marijuana. He was tried as an adult and convicted in Superior Court of both charges on Oct. 13, 1966. On Dec. 1 of that year he was placed on five years probation with the first year to be served in county jail, court records disclosed.

But on May 25, 1967, the trial judge set aside the conviction because Sirhan was a juvenile at the time of the alleged crime and ordered him turned over to juvenile authorities, the record showed.

The deportation order was issued in 1966, but he appealed to the Board of Immigration Appeals in Washington, which only just now has begun the process of reviewing the appeal, immigration authorities indictaed.

The Immigration Department's apparently contending that the decision to treat him as a juvenile should have been made before, not after, the trial.